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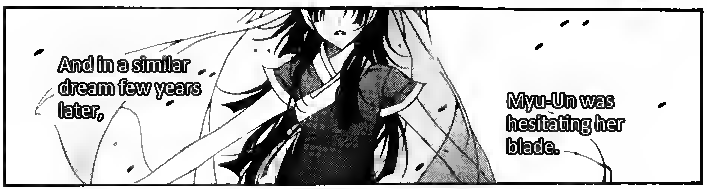
I've been killed three times.

... Three times ...
I've observed my death.
Under full moon, under shadow of a bamboo forest
I've been killed three times.

Three times I've been murdered.



His blade
Was glimmering blue under moon light.
The distance ...

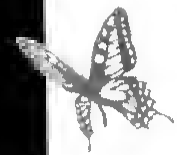
Is furthering away ...
The first was by a sibling.
The second by a friend.
The third was by a stranger who claims to be my punisher.

If there is absolutely no way to avoid such death -
Although I wouldn't dare asking for peaceful death while asleep -
The distance
Between
me and myself
is furthering away -

The least I wish for my death is to be cut down by a stranger.

I truly wish to avoid such an end ... i ..-ll ...

And even though I am unsure whether I am simply dreaming or actually foreseeing the future -



And ...

Such is ...

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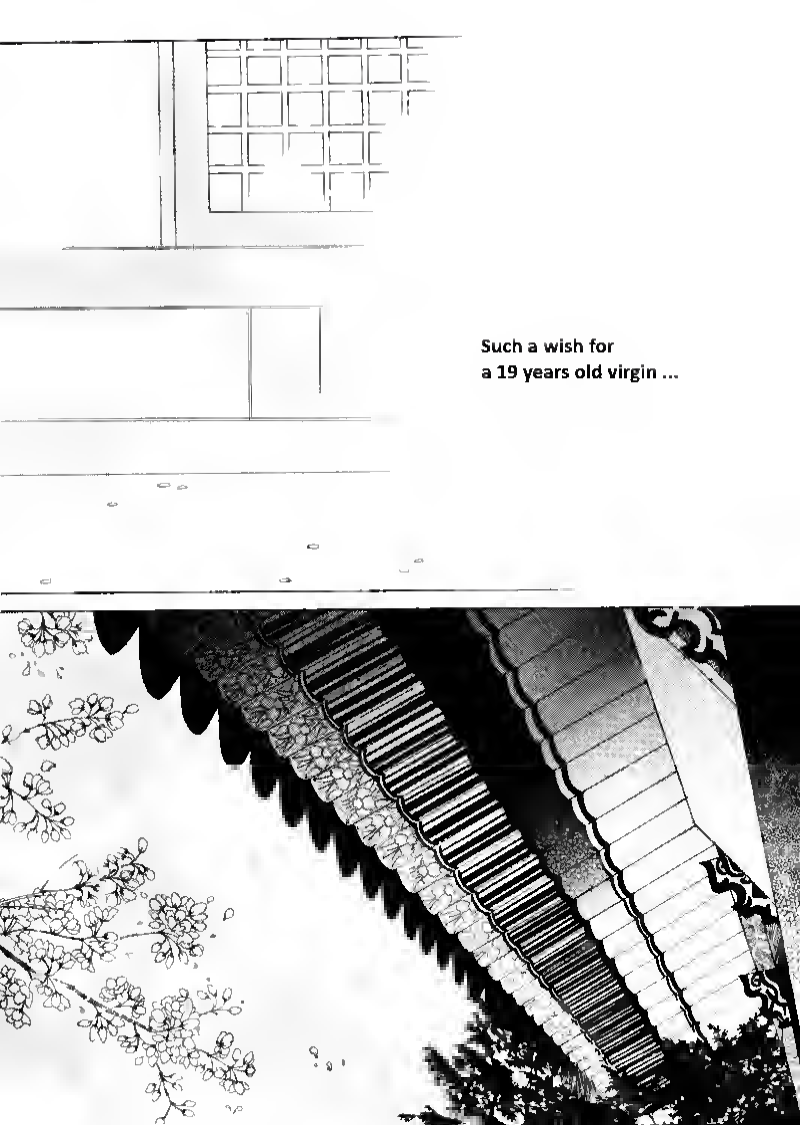
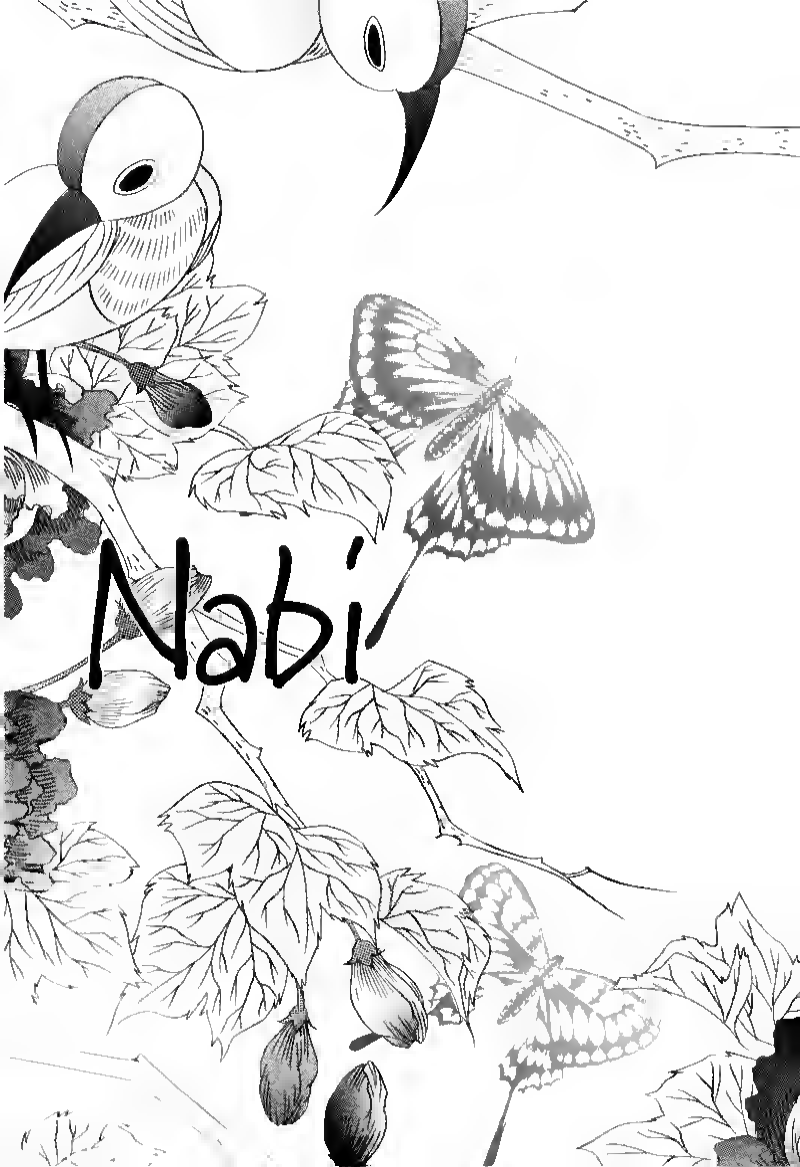
Such is my life.
There is such a wish
in this world.


Such a wish for
a 19 years old virgin ...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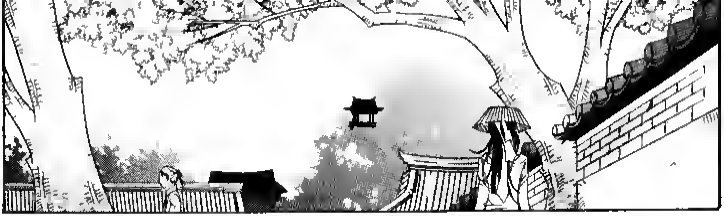

Myo-Un
Lord Isana, Sir Hong.
Where are you going ?

I am on an errand given by lady Syo-Ryu.
And it looks like your final destination is not me.
No ...
Found another man already ?
It's ... not that ...
Who's that ?
Hong, you escort her to her destination while I shop for books
... Eh ? You don't have to ...
Yes, sir.
He looks familiar to me ...

Where did I see him from ...

Yes ..., from the royal palace ....

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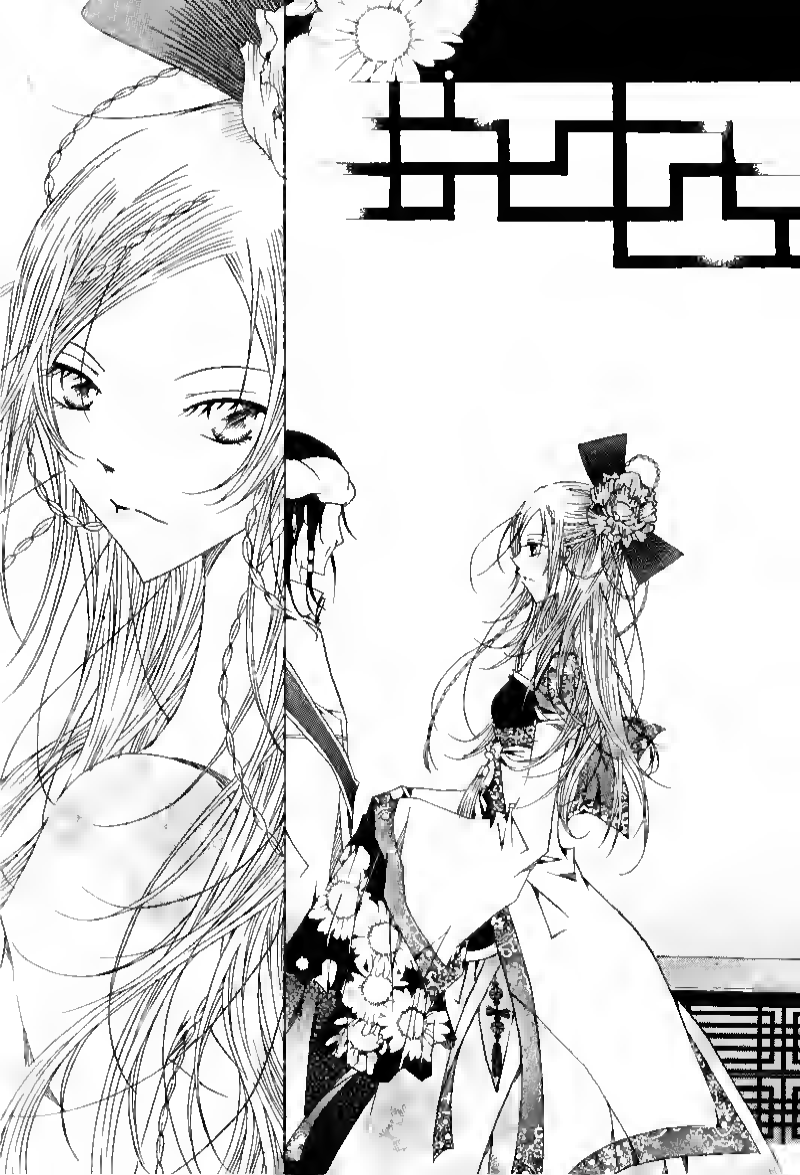
The king's relative, wasn't he ?



"If you are going to chase me,
be prepared twice more than
you feel because there will be
two lives you will have to confront."
He...
Has a girl.

I am fine
It's not a long distance to travel.
You have -
Myo-Un
Um...,
sir ...
Three tails right now.
Yes ?
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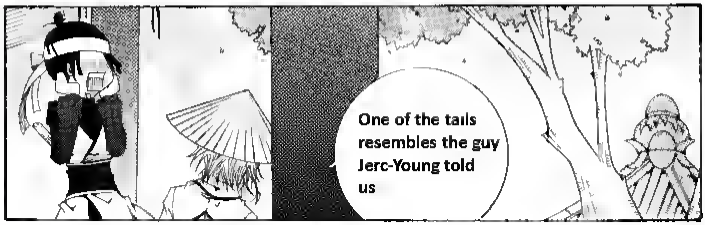

One of the tails resembles the guy Jerc-Young told us

I didn't figure this out because my martial art skill is high.
I noticed because I was not focused on a girl.

It wasn't that I had good senses. You've always disliked lady Syo-Ryu but now you are waiting fo my wedding day
It seemed you were waiting for her to come so that you can see Myo-Un, so I figured
Quit making stuff up ! When did I ever do that ?!

Why in the world did you even try to pair her and me ?
Our social ranks are vastly different to begin with.
Hmm ?
You heard what Lady Syo-Ryu said. Oespite of the current situation,
She still is a member of a high noble family.

Her family was one of the best martial art clans under Su country.
The Hong clan.
Ah....
Ryu-Sang !
... This way ...

This way - !

Well ...

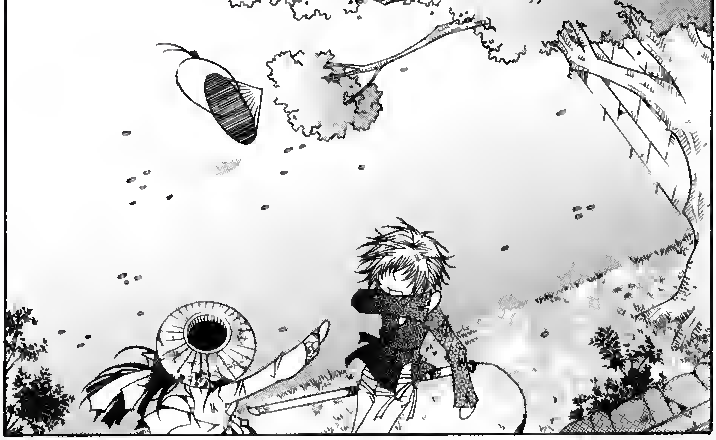
Is that how it'd work ?

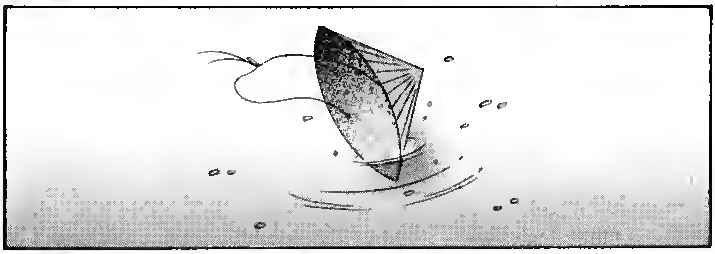
I don't think ... that is the fundamental issue though ...
Yes, true.
Now ...
why would such matter ...

.....
Why did you run ?

Where did you show up from ?
... Did you shadow me ?
.... Did you ?
Ryu-Sang ...
Did you shadow me ?

Did you ?!
Because - !
You kept on sneaking out everyday !
You do that, too.
Huh ?
You sneak out everyday, too !
Ack !





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I - I am so sorry !
So sorry !
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달
Who are you ?
... If you had just asked...
I would have told you.
I would have just told you.

You know ...
It seems there are some secrets regarding my birth.
Well, you know nothing about your birth at all.
Right.

And I didn't care.
I told myself that it was not a big deal.
What'd be the point of trying to recall memories prior 7 or 8 years old ?
Most don't even remmeber.
My current personality was created back in the temple.
So was my current name.

And I liked everything about the temple.
I wished.
I hoped.
Hard
That -
She would be my mother and that I would be her daughter.
I hoped.
Hard.

Everything has a beginning.

Wind has to come form somewhere.

River has to originate from somewhere.

And kids don't just drop from the sky.

Memories from my childhood -

Where everything began...

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I lived here until I was eight.
And the name that was given by my parents was
Hong Ha-Young.

I was born in this country.

A long long time ago -

a heir to a highly regarded clan disappeared.

The clan eventually found out that their heir had been kidnapped by a rival clan.

Their solution was to abduct the rival clan's daughter.

Who told you that ?

The abducted daughter's father was furious.

Lady Syo Ryu.
And he annihilated the highly regarde clan to oblivion.
The heir who was kidnapped.
But a survivor was left ...
Apparently, she purchased this house and gave it to me recently.

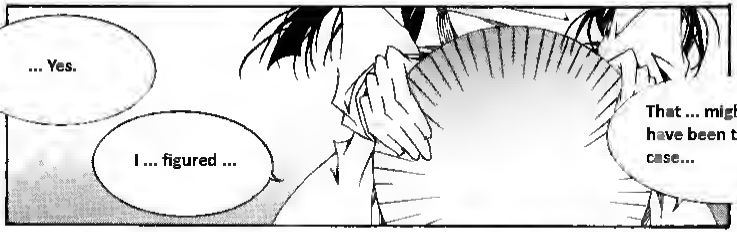
It's hard to believe such a story. Regardless, I've been cleaning this house once in a while just to pay my respect.
That woman ...
Ruined you twice.
Huh ?
"The rival clan" was her house !

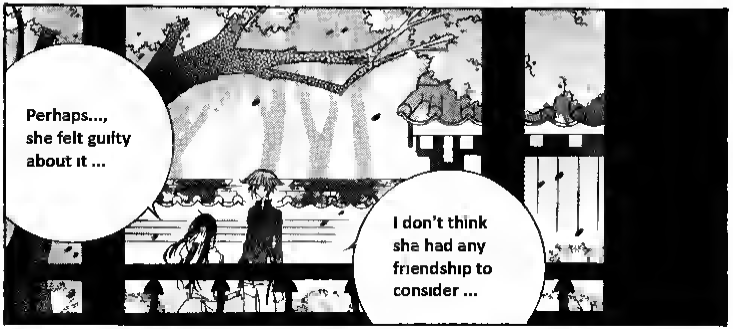
Her house destoryed your house.

And burnt down our temple.

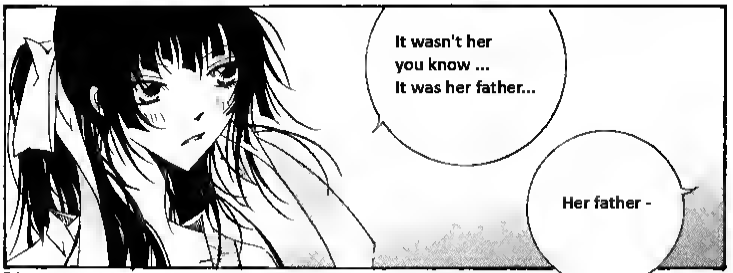
She meddled in your life twice !

And both of time, she ruined your life !

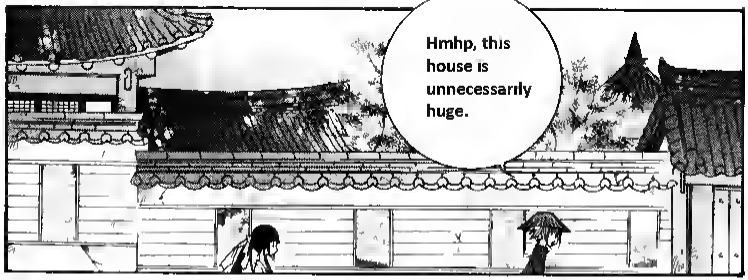

... Yes.
I ... figured ...
That ... might have been the case...


Perhaps..., she felt guilty about it ...
I don't think she had any friendship to consider ...

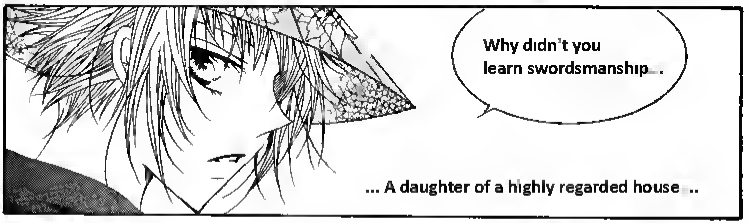
That's all ?


It wasn't her you know ... It was her father...
Her father -

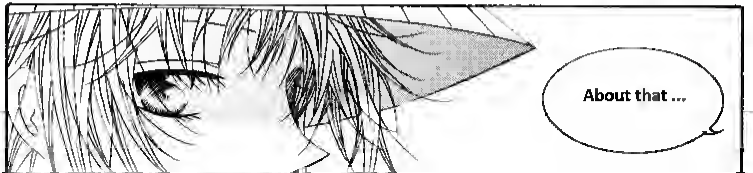
Do you know who ultimately controls her father's actions ?
It's that bitch
Don't ever ... Never ... Never again defend that bitch.
If you do defend her again, even if it is you, I won't let it go easily.
And ask Jerc-Young to clean this place. He doesn't have many appearances lately anyway


Hmhp, this house is unnecessarily huge.

Considering the size, I bet that the family would have been an even match against Syo Ryu's.
W, well ...

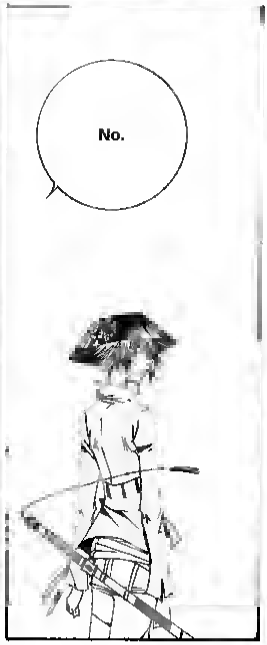

Why didn't you learn swordsmanship .
... A daughter of a highly regarded house ..

If you did, I wouldn't have become a pawn.
Um ...

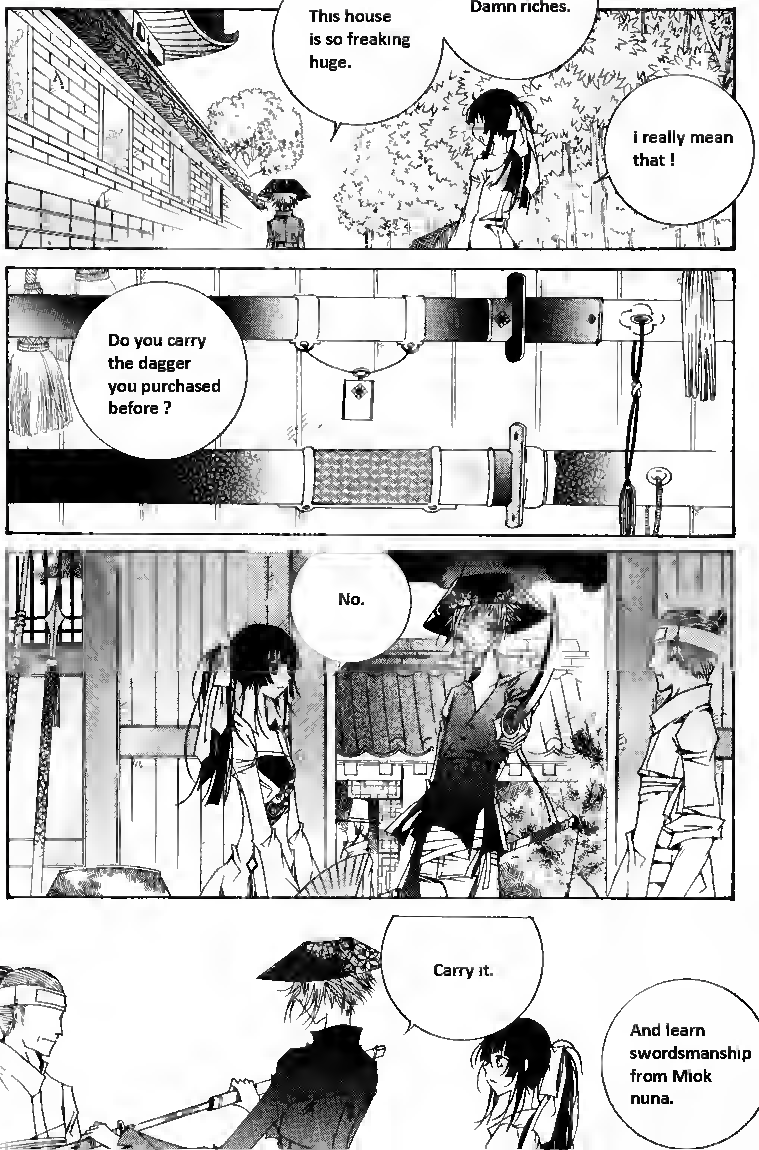

About that ...

Was it because of me ?

...

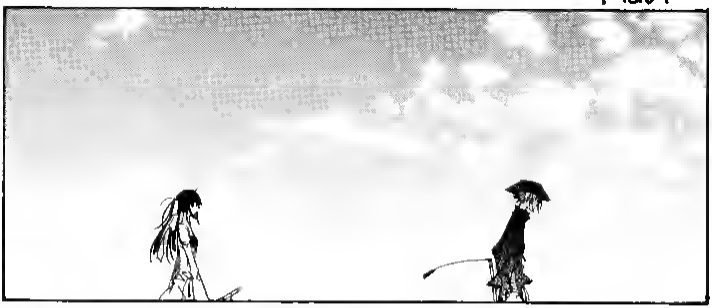

No.

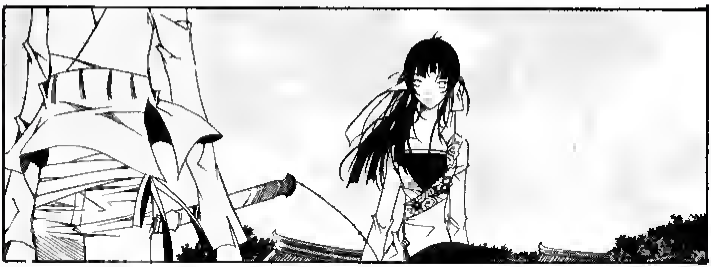
No, Ryu-Sang.
I really mean that !

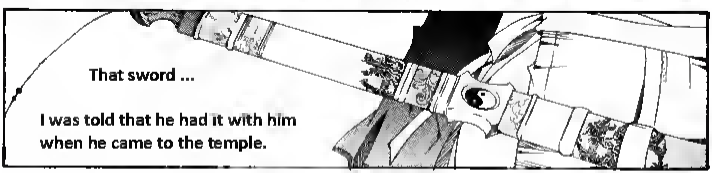

This house is so freaking huge.
Damn riches.
i really mean that !
Do you carry the dagger you purchased before ?
No.
Carry it.
And learn swordsmanship from Miok nuna.

Cleaning ?!
Are you serious ?!
At a time like this ?!
?
I ...
This will be better than nothing.
Young man, that sword ...
Huh ?
Made a mistake.
She is probably waiting for you at the house.

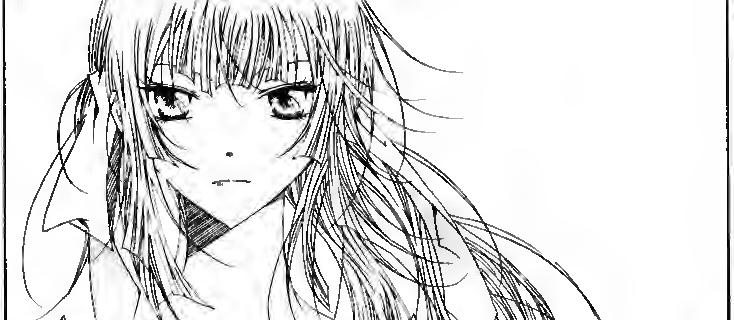
That is Winok's sword.
Winok ...
It's been a long time since I saw one. Ever since the country lost against us and fell, it became harder to spot that design.
They were really good at decorating their blades.
If you ever need sharpening, feel free. I will do it for cheap.
Thank you.



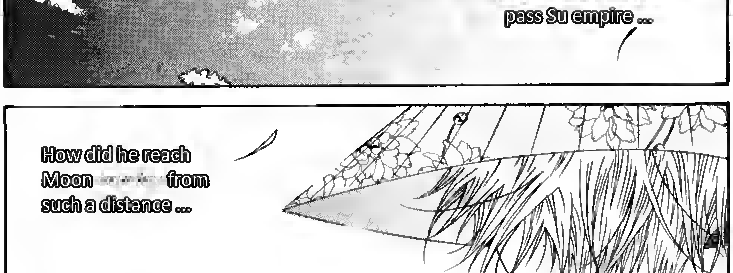



That sword ...
I was told that he had it with him when he came to the temple.

Winok ...
It was a small nation past Hamat plain.

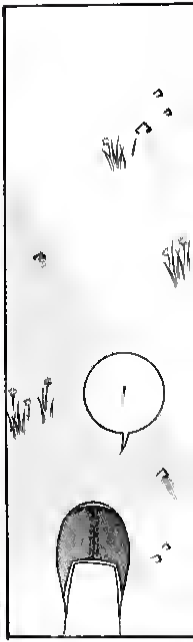


As a child..., with slower walking speed..., he must have crossed the plain that is as big as sea ...
And he must have pass Su empire ...


How did he reach Moon ..... from such a distance ...

...그 길이...

He must have been very lonely while he was making the seemingly endless journey...



"Three tails" ...
You don't bother hiding anymore ?
Was I supposed to hide ?
Sword play ?
Are we supposed to ?

You would agree with me on that ...
Wouldn't you, outsider ?
I am not even your enemy.

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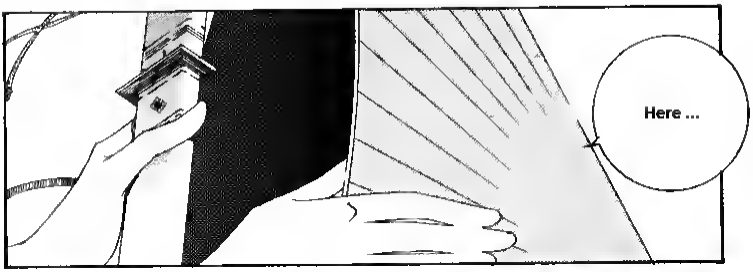
Go ahead.
Eh ?
Ah ...

Ah -
It's all dried up now.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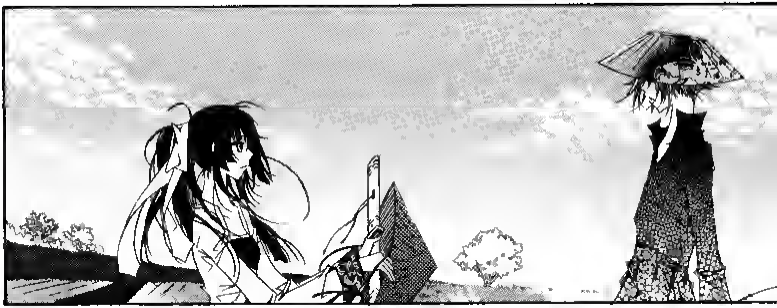
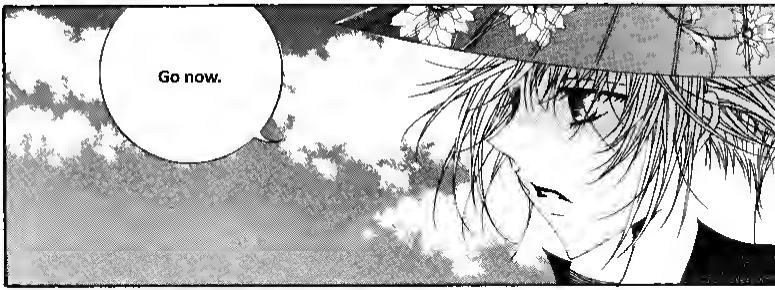
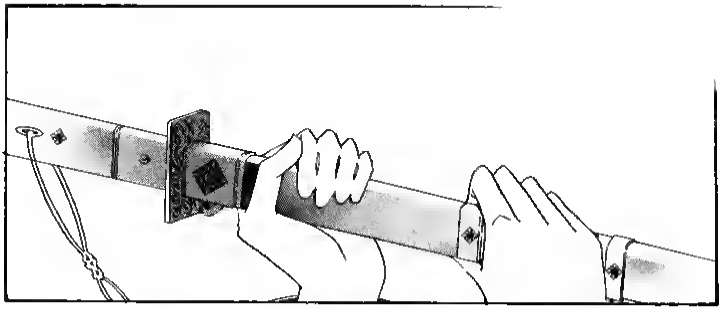
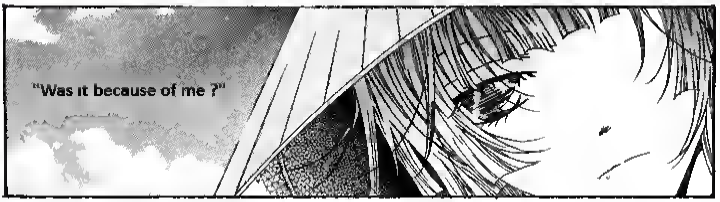



Go now.

Ok ...

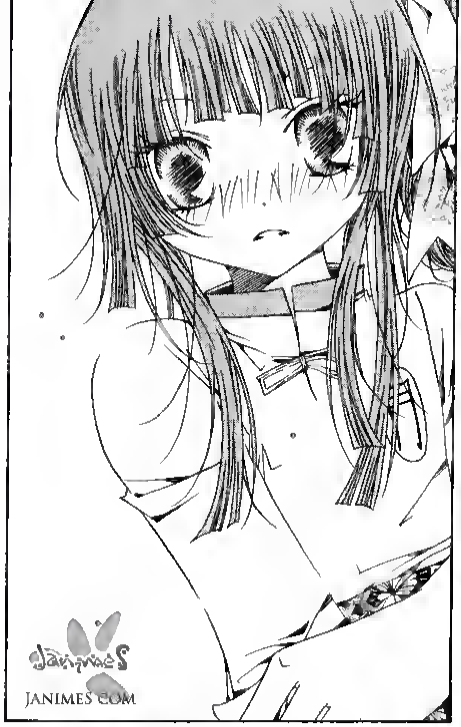


"Why didn't you learn swordsmanship?"


"Was it because of me ?"

Mommy !

"Was it because of me?"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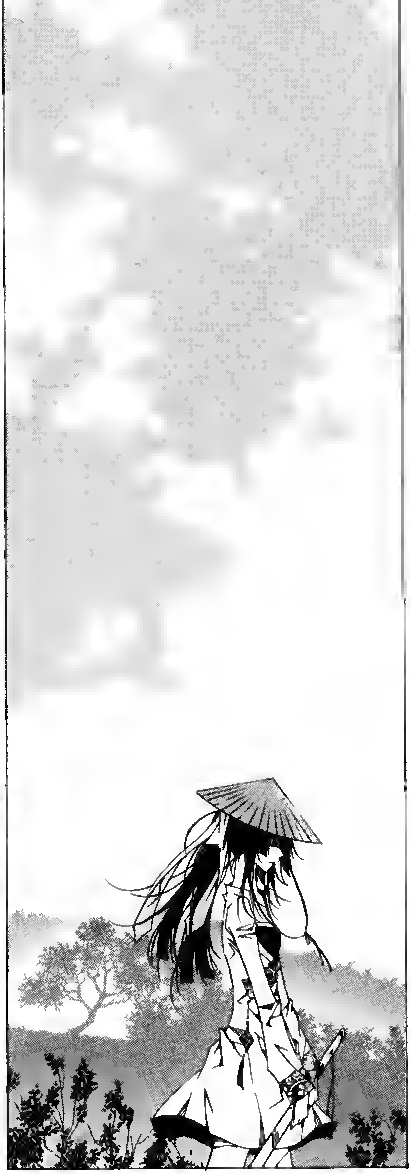
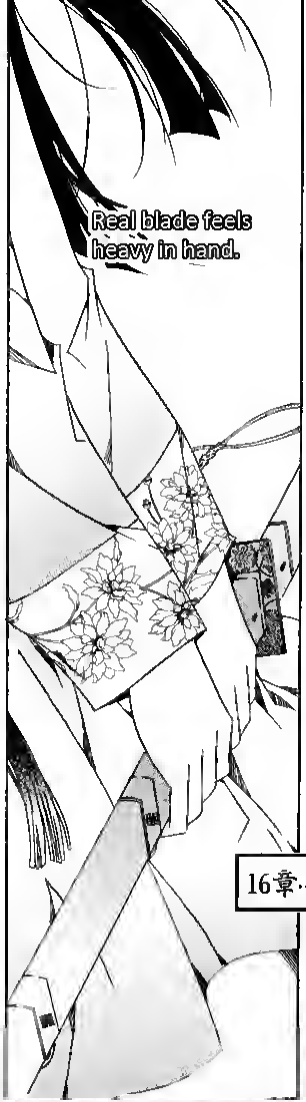




I dislike the cries of blades in air.

16章..... Like sharpened blade

She is ... the only way.
If we ...
Want to teach Ryu-Sand a lesson.

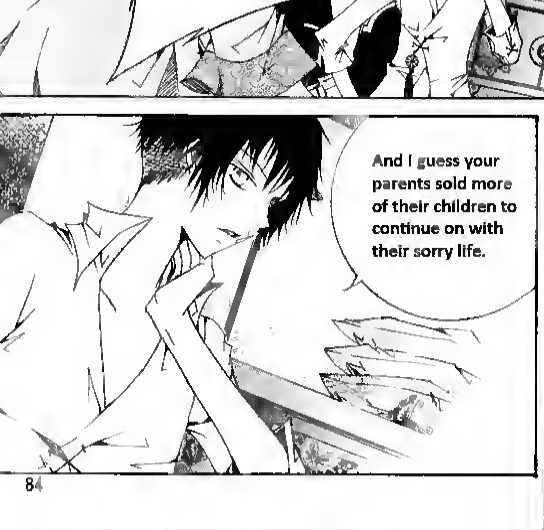
He needs to be punished like the rest of us !
Does he think we like being here ?! Jackass !
What's this ?
I thought we were going to keep it secret ? How come everyone knows ?
The boss doesn't know at least.
We are a family !
Teguk : the mark you see on the guy's back in the last panel.
Why not him ? He is the heart of Teguk team.
I told you not to degrade us like that !
Don't say that in front of strangers !

Why are you embarrassed ? We got it on our back and sometimes on our chest.
How else define us then ? Should I call us the circus instead?
Did you eat something bad ?! What's wrong with you ?!
If you don't like it,
You don't have to do it with us.
I've realized that you've taken a liking of her when you drew her picture for the wanted poster.
What, really ?

Shut up ! What would you know ?!
Damn
Did your dignity disappear with your hand ?
A swordsman lost his hand and became good-for-nothing !
And I cannot return home because I know well that my family will be murdered if I leave here !
How would you know what I am going through ?!
You have no family and have nothing to lose ! What the hell would you know ?!

Why should I care ?

So, your parents sold you to save their sorry-asses.
What ?!


And I guess your parents sold more of their children to continue on with their sorry life.

Let me see ...
We all care for such great parents.

Now you guys are gathered up together and plan to bully a girl.
If you have balls, go to the cause directly !
Then I will join also !
Harim -
She -
is a virgin, isn't she ?

Hey !
Harim !!!

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Stop !
Harim !
STOP !

Har-
Your breath reeks.
It reeks so bad.

It's not your hand that should have been cut ! It's your tongue !
Harim !

You will die.
If you ever lay a finger on her, you will die.
Hmph, just kill me already and be done with it.
What ?
Don't wait for another chance! Just kill me and be done !

Do you think I enjoy living like this ?!
I can't use a sword now ! And I cannot go back home ! I smell like shit after drowning myself in liquor !
I am not like you ! I am not a loyal dog ! I am here because I have to !
I have to be here no matter what. That's the only way my family survives !
If I dare going back home, someone will kill me to cover my mouth along with my family !
Most of us are in the same boat as me and that fucking Ryu-sang simply told some strangers of the lady's secret ?!
We risked our sorry asses to keep the secret under cover !
Did you think we were all mute or something?!

Unlike you
of course.
Our fate sucks !
But we've got
only one life !

Geez ...
I thought he was really going to kill him. Maybe he does like her.
The guy can be pretty unpredictable when he gets mad like that.
Yep, that's how he killed the little master. He has got guts, I tell you that.
And it was Han-Ah who saved him literally.
He's got her soul on his shoulders.
Otherwise, no matter what lady Syo Ryu said, the master would have not spared him.
Maybe, this will be better

What ?

If a secret is no longer a secret,

We won't need to hide it and it won't need protection.

Rather than being known to few select people,

Let it spread.
Let everyone in the world find out about it.
Let it fly.

Let even the emperor hear it.
And I suppose some of us will end up dead in the progress.
Well ...
Let the master kill the culprit.
Though I am pretty sure that ...
He cannot kill Ryu-Sang.

He wouldn't dare.
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If he could, Ryu-Sang would be dead already.
Furthermore, Ryu-Sang would gladly kill the master if he has a chance. Yet he still lives, meaning he cannot afford to kill him.

So, it may turn out to be good for us then.
Yep, sooner or later, people will want the lady.
And maybe in the progress...
If lady Syo-Ryu is killed, that will be really good.
You know,

She is ... a monster.
She should not exist in this world.
Someone who can see into the future?
Better not stay in this world for too long.
No good can come out of that.

Unless such an ability was somehow bestowed upon me of course. If it ain't mine, better get rid of it.

... And you know what ?
I can bet you that it's not only me thinking that way.
I can bet my name on it.

You will see.
You will see
conflicts.
Maybe even
wars.
Nations go to wars
just because of some
cute bitches. It's the witch
of time. Oh, yes, this
warrants wars.
It will be too late
to regret by then

It will be too late to regret that you simply followed idiots' orders.
Either way, it will be hard and well, dandy
It will be too late to regret that you never did good deeds and karma is kicking you where it hurts.

I cannot wait to see the day where karma does its thing and -

- Bring the heavenly punishments to this house where it really belongs.

Only then you shall realize -
That your life is just as fragile as others

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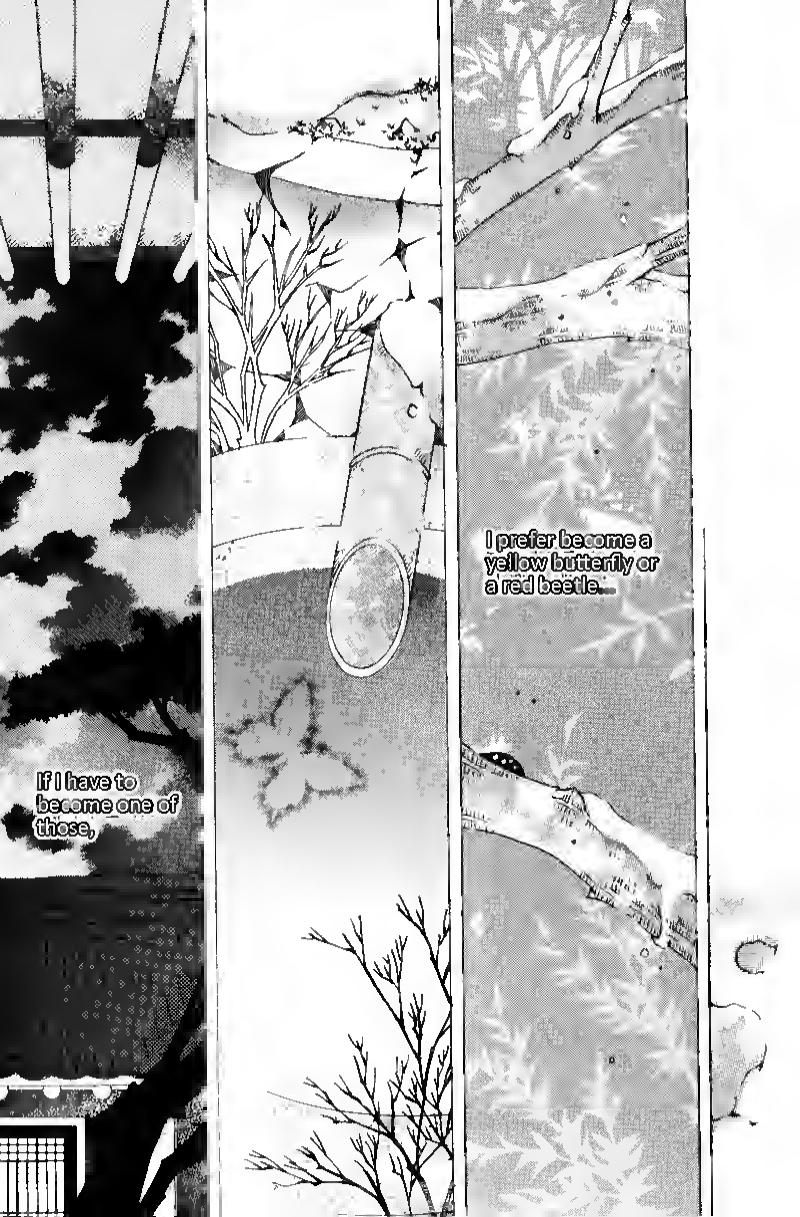
Insects come out of dead bodies.

Or maybe -

We become insects when we are dead.


If I have to become one of those,
I prefer become a yellow butterfly or a red beetle...

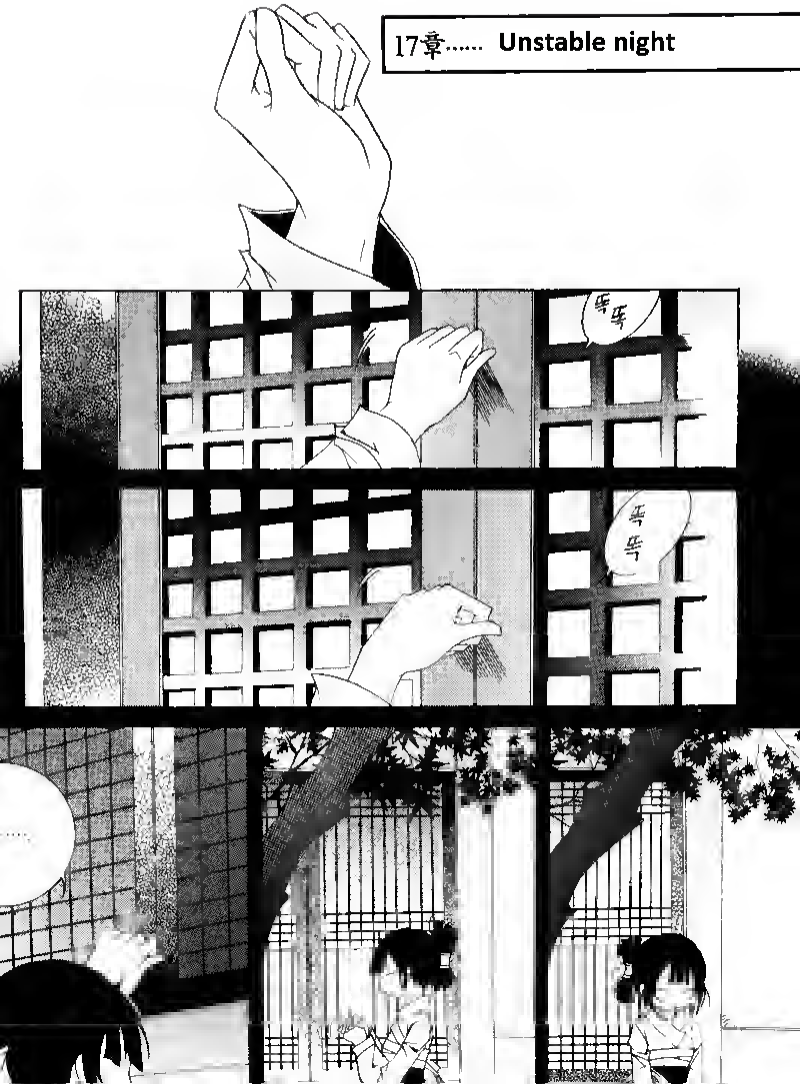
But it wasn't a proper season.

Does that mean...
My family members who left this world that way when the world just started to turn green ...
Would fly away like those from the bed cover my mom sewed.
And they are yet to return because it is still winter...?
...So then...

So then ...
I would also have to become a really beautiful butterfly (nabi) and fly away mightly -

My father will finally, truly, love me.

Nabi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呜呜
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Harim's room is next ...
Actually, I came to see Ryu-Sang ...
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He is in lala land right now.
Ah...
Won, I understand that you are turned on and want to have some fun, but a girl shouldn't be knocking windows of boys' room
It's not that !
I wanted to ask him if he saw Myo-Un.

Have you seen her ?
Why are you even looking for her at this hour ?

The lady is looking for her ...
Why would she looking for her now ?

When the lady has a trouble sleeping, she calls her and plays a game or two.
Oh, my my

What a life. I envy such a life. God, I gotta be born in a noble family in my next life.

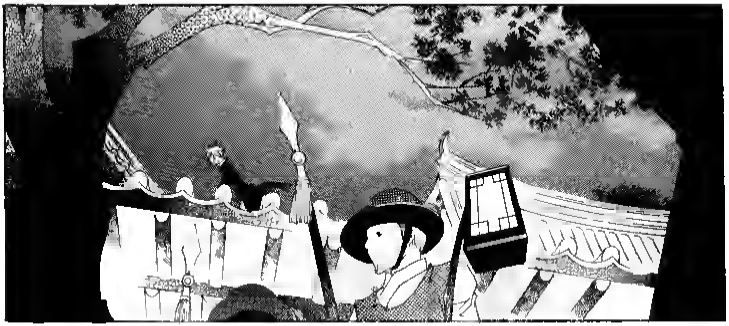
Well ...
If you haven't seen her ...
Won, lady Myo-Uin is nowhere to be found ?
Eh ?
... No, have you seen her ?

.... !!!
That guy ... He cannot possibly ... !
.... !
Oh, my, I gotta go to toilet.
Well, it's almost midnight, so she wouldn't have gone out.
She's probably somewhere in the house. Sorry for waking you up.
Good night.

Hmph, lucky bitch...

What is it ?
Ah...
I thought this was the toilet.
What?!
I was on my way back.

What the hell are those two up to ?
It's cold. Close the door.



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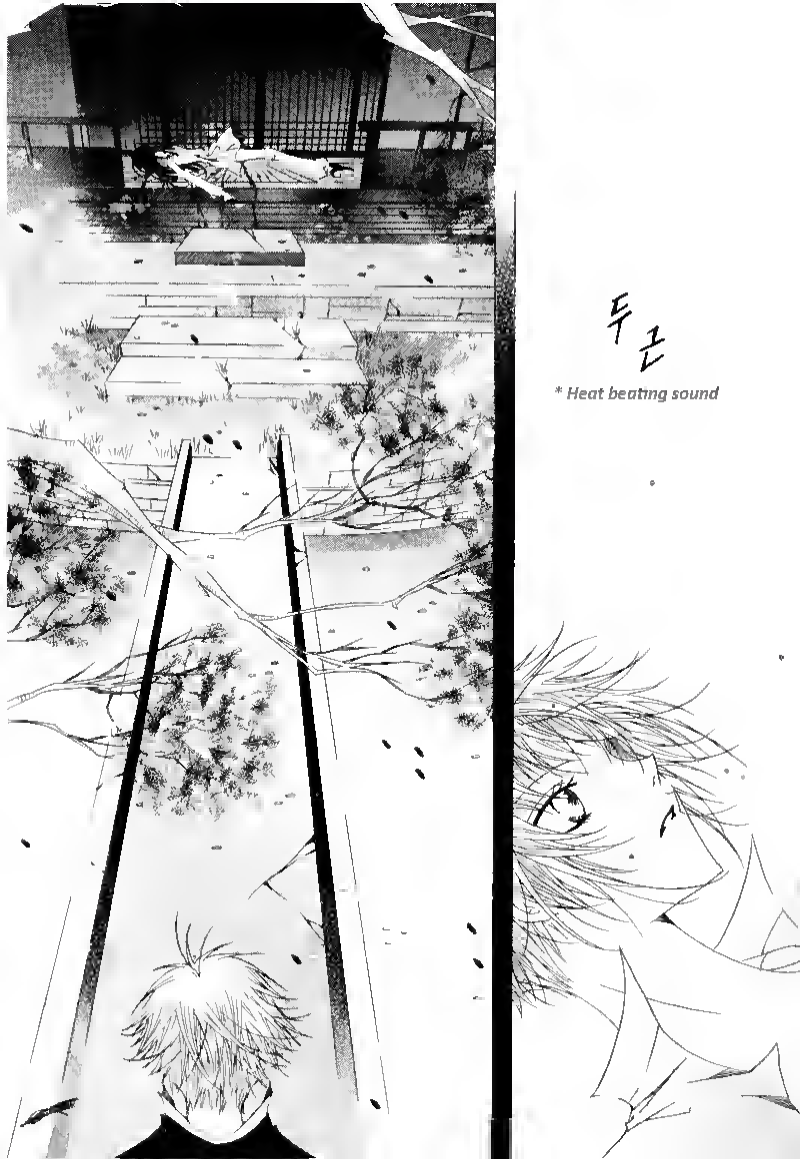
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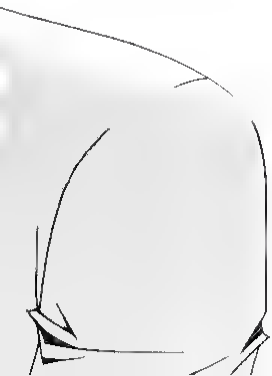

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... At least once ...

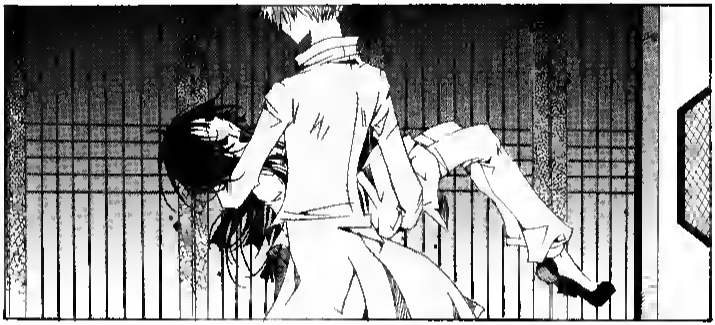
Ryu Sang...

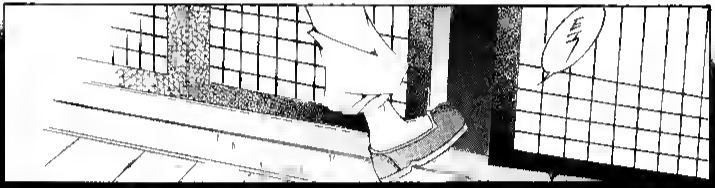
I cannot move...
I...
I lost... too much... blood...
That's because you chose not to take the antidote. It's in that small bag, isn't it.
What were you trying to do, trying to kill yourself or what ?
그게 아니라

... When I was a kid ...
I used to eat small doses of poison every day... I figured it might have been... one of those
"Might make it without taking it? What, are you an immortal or something'?
I thought ...
I might... make it... without taking it

I figured
that was why
Syo Ryu chose
that specific
poison
Syo Ryo,
she
is
strange
She is
has been
always
correct
Even at that
time
She told me
to run
straight until
I meet
someone
She said
so

I didn't...
I didn't...
But I didn't...

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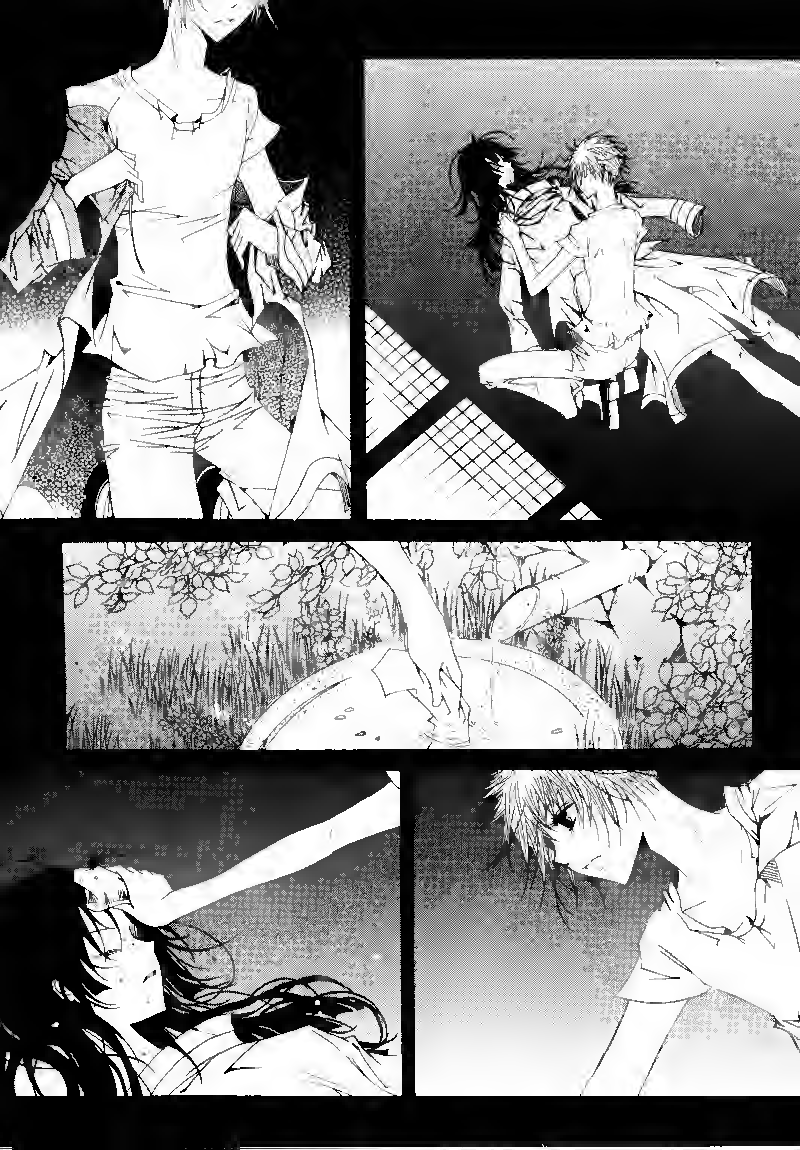

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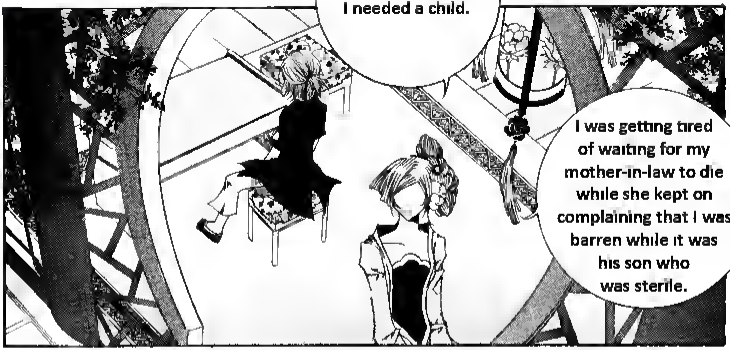
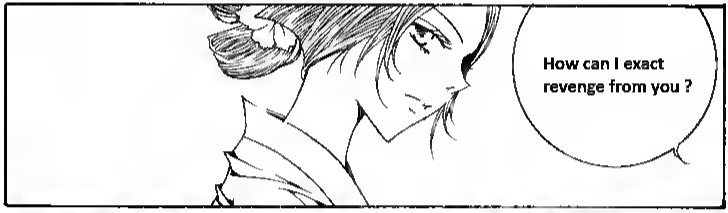
Damn it

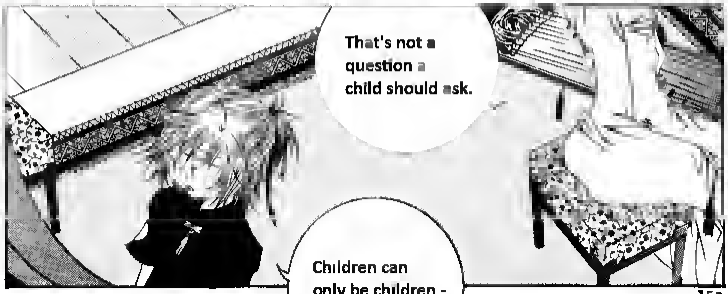
"Why ..."

"... Did you conceive me ?"
It happened, so I gave birth to you.
What a stange question you got there.
Why did you give birth to me when you weren't going to even see me ?
I heard it's very painful to give birth. You wasted so much efforts for nothing.


I needed a child.
I was getting tired of waiting for my mother-in-law to die while she kept on complaining that I was barren while it was his son who was sterile.

Adults' problems.


How can I exact revenge from you ?


That's not a question a child should ask.
Children can only be children -

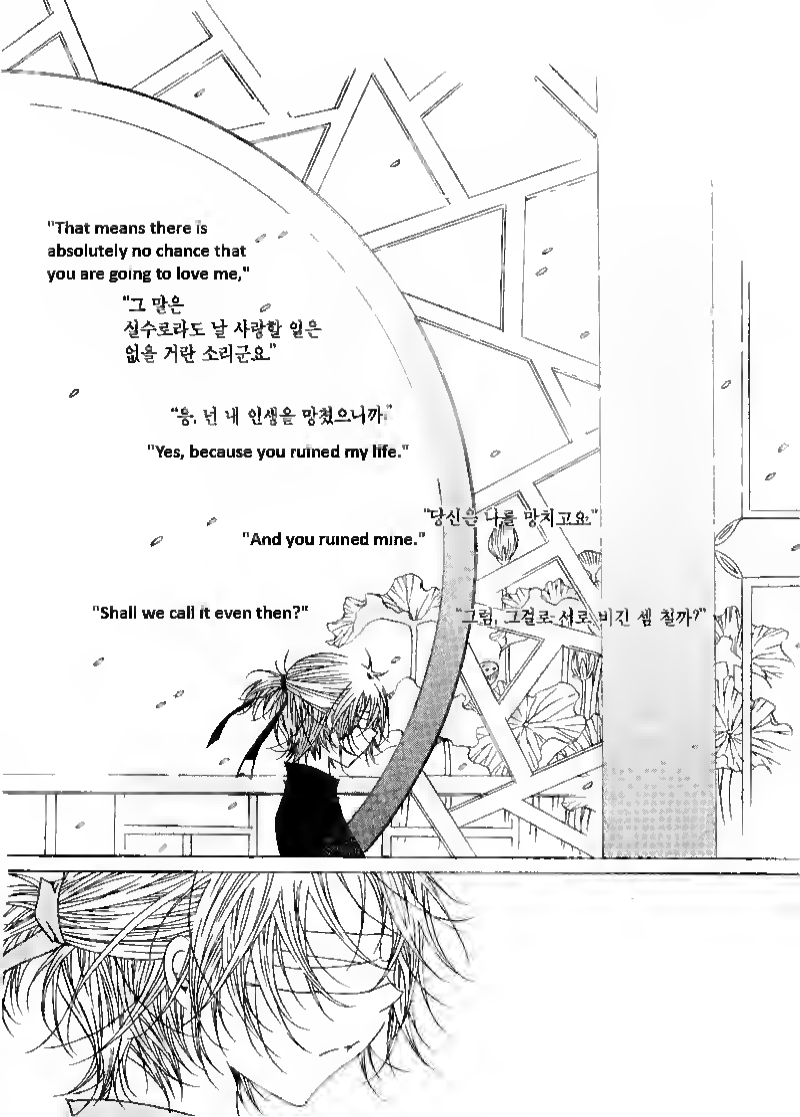
When they are being looked after by those around them. Something called "Love' should ring you a bell.
Children don't know anything because they don't need to know
Are you -
Going to make me one hell of a fool ?
You don't teach me. You don't let me see the light.

For once, call me mother.
As long as my heart beats and I breath, there is no chance of me calling you mother.
You are already exacting your revange on me then.
It doesn't look like I am going to get pregnant anymore, so -
Eo!
I will sing you a song of love today.

Neither of us is going to be loved by anyone from now on.
Let us share our misery.

"…그래도"

"...So"


"That means there is absolutely no chance that you are going to love me,"
"그 말은 설수로라도 날 사랑할 일은 없을 거란 소리군요"
"응. 넌 내 인생을 망쳤으니까"
"Yes, because you ruined my life."
"당신은 나를 망치고요."
"And you ruined mine."
"Shall we call it even then?"
"그럼, 그걸로 서로 비긴 셈 칠까?"

"Although you may hate me,"
"나는 미워도"
"사랑받으렴."
"Be loved."
"...상아..."
"... Sang...."
"My voice is still nice
to listen regardless, right?"
"내 목소리는
듣기 좋지?"
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"지독하게 사랑받고
차열하게 사랑하렴"

"Be loved fiercely
and love passionately."

"That would be
your revenage."

"그것이 바로
내겐 복수란다"

"…그렇다면…"

"If so, then ..."

"Can you not love me instead?"
"당신이 해주면 안 되나요?"

"당신이"
"Can you"
"나를 사랑해주면 안 되나요?"
"Not love me instead?"

"...당신은..."
"...Can you..."

"안 되나요?"

"Can't you?"

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